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SUBJECT: OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM BRIBERY CASE

REF: CARACAS 6598 AND 8644

1. FINDING OF 12TH VENEZUELAN CRIMINAL COURT (CARACAS 8644) APPEARS AT LEAST PRELIMINARILY TO DISPOSE OF CHARGES THAT OCCIDENTAL RIGHTS IN VENEZUELA WERE FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED THROUGH BRIBERY.
2. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, DOES THIS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE OCCIDENTAL PROSPECTS FOR RECEIVING ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY RECENT NATIONALIZATION?
3. IS STATE OF PLAY SUCH THAT EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT SHOULD APPROACH GOV TOWARD THIS END, OR SHOULD ACTION BE WITHHELD PENDING IMMEDIATELY ENSUING DEVELOPMENTS? KISSINGER

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